

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A portable hand-held computer device comprises a base (10) and a hinged support (12A,12B,34) pivotal between a closed position lying against the base, and an open position extending perpendicularly from the base. A microdisplay (16) attached to the distal end of the support provides a virtual display measuring between, for example, 9 inches and 19 inches diagonally. The base unit (10) houses a microcomputer (90), which drives the microdisplay (16), and a mobile telephone unit (92). Controls (42,46) and a touch-sensitive pad (48) for operating the microcomputer (90) are provided on an upper face of the base (10). The touch-sensitive pad (48) may be an overlay upon a second display which is used to display mobile telephone information. Part (34) of the support carries a set of mobile telephone controls (36) for use when the device is closed and the part (34) obscures the microcomputer controls (42,46). The device may be used with a docking station (13) in a vehicle.

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